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Bruce Pitre
359 Plantation Road
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2015-1381

Dear Mr. Pitre:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its February 19, 2016 Board meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether you may sell goods or services through Riverland Industrial Supply to any agency other than the St. Charles Parish Assessor's Office. You are employed as a duty assessor for the Assessor's Office. You also are employed as a salesman for Riverland Industrial Supply (Riverland). Riverland sells air filters, oil filters, light bulbs, air conditioning fan belts, bearings, couplings, pulleys, etc. You are interested in selling these products and other services to St. Charles Parish Government.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit you from selling goods or services to agencies within the St. Charles Parish government, so long as the goods and services are not provided to the St. Charles Assessor's Office. La. R.S. 42:1113A(1)(a) of the Code prohibits a public servant or immediate family member of such public servant, or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant. Your agency is the St. Charles Parish Assessor's Office. You are prohibited from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transactions with the Assessor's Office while being employed within this agency.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Brett Robinson
For the Board